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**Corn for grain** production in Wisconsin during 2015 is estimated at 492 million bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service annual *Crop Production 2015 Summary* report. This estimate is down 3 percent from the November 1 forecast but up 1 percent from 2014. Wisconsin's corn for grain yield is estimated at 164 bushels per acre, 1 bushel less than the November 1 forecast, but 8 bushels above 2014. This is the highest yield on record, 3 bushels above the previous record set in 2010. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.00 million acres, down 60,000 acres from the November 1 forecast and 110,000 acres below 2014. Corn planted for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 4.00 million acres, down 50,000 acres from the November 1 estimate but unchanged from 2014.

**Corn for silage** production is estimated at 18.9 million tons, up 20 percent from 2014. The silage yield estimate of 19.5 tons per acre is 1.0 ton per acre higher than 2014. Producers harvested 970,000 acres of corn for silage, an increase of 120,000 acres from 2014.

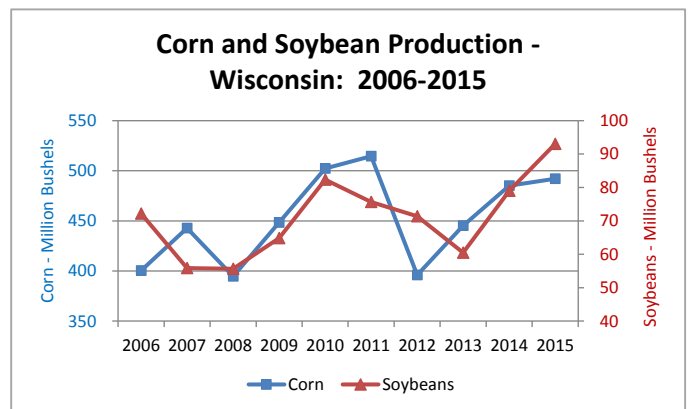
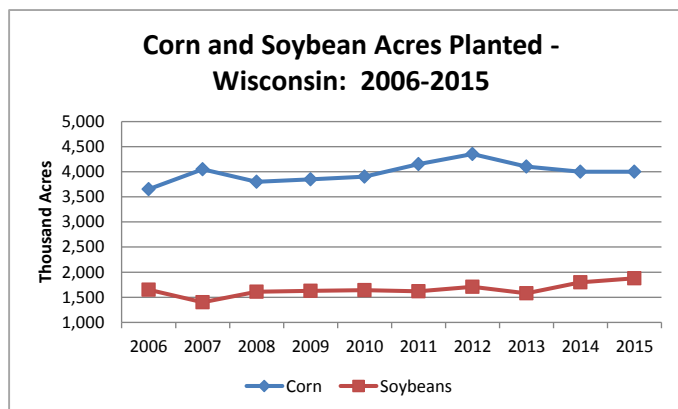
**Soybean** production is estimated at 92.6 million bushels in 2015, down slightly from the November 1 forecast but 18 percent above 2014. Wisconsin soybean growers averaged 49.5 bushels per acre in 2015. This is 1 percent below the November 1 forecast but 4.5 bushels above the 2014 yield. The harvested acreage of 1.87 million is up 10,000 from the November 1 estimate and 80,000 acres above 2014. Soybean planted acreage, at 1.88 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2014.

**All hay** production for the state is estimated at 4.07 million tons, down 16 percent from the 4.87 million tons produced in 2014. Producers averaged 2.70 tons per acre, down from 2.97 tons in 2014. All hay harvested acres is estimated at 1.51 million acres, down 130,000 acres from 2014.

**Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** production is estimated at 3.36 million tons, down 19 percent from 2014. Producers averaged 2.8 tons per acre, 0.5 ton below the 2014 yield. Harvested acres, at 1.20 million, were down 50,000 acres from 2014. Wisconsin producers seeded 440,000 acres of alfalfa in 2015, down 10,000 from the previous year.

**Other hay** production is estimated at 713,000 tons, 4 percent below 2014. Producers averaged 2.3 tons per acre, up from 1.9 tons per acre in 2014. Harvested acres of other hay, at 310,000, is down 80,000 acres from the previous year.

**Potato** production for 2015 is estimated at 27.5 million cwt, up 5 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 440 cwt, up 30 cwt from 2014. Planted and harvested acres are estimated at 63,000 acres and 62,500 acres, respectively.



## 2015 Crop Production Summary – Wisconsin and United States

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>WISCONSIN</b>						
Barley .....bushels	16	15	47.0	55.0	752	825
Corn for Grain.....bushels	3,110	3,000	156.0	164.0	485,160	492,000
Corn for Silage..... tons	850	970	18.5	19.5	15,725	18,915
Hay, all ..... tons	1,640	1,510	2.97	2.70	4,866	4,073
Hay, Alfalfa ..... tons	1,250	1,200	3.30	2.80	4,125	3,360
Hay, Other ..... tons	390	310	1.90	2.30	741	713
Oats.....bushels	140	195	62.0	72.0	8,680	14,040
Potatoes, fall ..... cwt	64.0	62.5	410	440	26,240	27,500
Soybeans.....bushels	1,790	1,870	44.0	49.5	78,760	92,565
Wheat, Winter.....bushels	250	210	65.0	74.0	16,250	15,540
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Barley .....bushels	2,497	3,109	72.7	68.9	181,542	214,297
Corn for Grain.....bushels	83,136	80,749	171.0	168.4	14,215,532	13,601,198
Corn for Silage..... tons	6,371	6,221	20.1	20.4	128,048	126,894
Hay, all ..... tons	57,062	54,437	2.45	2.47	139,923	134,388
Hay, Alfalfa ..... tons	18,395	17,778	3.34	3.32	61,451	58,974
Hay, Other ..... tons	38,667	36,659	2.03	2.06	78,472	75,414
Oats.....bushels	1,035	1,276	67.9	70.2	70,232	89,535
Potatoes, fall ..... cwt	931.1	937.7	434	431	403,703	404,513
Soybeans.....bushels	82,591	81,849	47.5	48.0	3,927,090	3,929,885
Wheat, Winter.....bushels	32,299	32,257	42.6	42.5	1,377,216	1,370,188

### U.S. Corn Supply and Use <sup>1</sup>

CORN	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 <sup>2</sup> Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks .....	821	1,232	1,731
Production .....	13,829	14,216	13,601
Imports .....	36	32	40
<b>Supply, total</b> .....	<b>14,686</b>	<b>15,479</b>	<b>15,372</b>
Feed & Residual .....	5,040	5,315	5,300
Food, Seed & Industrial ..	6,493	6,568	6,570
<b>Domestic, total</b> .....	<b>11,534</b>	<b>11,883</b>	<b>11,870</b>
Exports .....	1,920	1,864	1,700
<b>Use, total</b> .....	<b>13,454</b>	<b>13,748</b>	<b>13,570</b>
<b>Ending Stocks, total</b> ....	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>1,802</b>
Avg. farm price (\$/bu) ....	4.46	3.70	3.30 - 3.90

<sup>1</sup> Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary

### U.S. Soybean Supply and Use <sup>1</sup>

SOYBEANS	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 <sup>2</sup> Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks .....	141	92	191
Production .....	3,358	3,927	3,930
Imports .....	72	33	30
<b>Supply, total</b> .....	<b>3,570</b>	<b>4,052</b>	<b>4,150</b>
Crushings .....	1,734	1,873	1,890
Exports .....	1,638	1,843	1,690
Seed .....	97	96	92
Residual .....	10	49	39
<b>Use, total</b> .....	<b>3,478</b>	<b>3,862</b>	<b>3,711</b>
<b>Ending stocks</b> .....	<b>92</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>440</b>
Avg. farm price (\$/bu) ....	13.00	10.10	8.05 - 9.55

<sup>1</sup> Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report

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## United States Corn and Soybean Production

**Corn for grain** production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushel from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the 2014 average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from the 2014 acreage.

**Soybean** production in 2015 totaled a record 3.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but up slightly from 2014. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 48.0 bushels, 0.3 bushel below the November forecast but 0.5 bushel above the 2014 yield. Harvested area is down less than 1 percent from last year's record acreage to 81.8 million acres.